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The Honourable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
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By e-mail

Re: Travel Tax Credit Revocation for Illegal Occupation

Premier,

On behalf of Ottawa City Council, I am writing to formally request the Province of Ontario to consider that the individuals involved in the illegal occupation should not qualify for the tax credit, since the application of such a tax credit would financially benefit individuals who have participated in the illegal occupation.

I would like to draw to your attention the following motion approved by Ottawa City Council at its Special City Council meeting of February 16, 2022:

MOTION

Moved by Councillor R. King
Seconded by Councillor R. Brockington

WHEREAS the Ontario government has introduced the temporary Ontario Staycation Tax Credit this year encouraging residents and families to take short-term trips within the Province in an effort to boost the tourism and hospitality sector amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS Ontarians are eligible to claim up to up a maximum of \$1,000 as an individual or \$2,000 who have a spouse or common-law partner or children to see a return of \$200 or \$400, respectively. This can be for one trip or for multiple trips and the stay must be under a month.

WHEREAS individuals have travelled to the City of Ottawa with the intent to illegally occupy the municipality, terrorize residents and businesses, as well as utilize unprecedented tactics that have no place in a free and democratic society.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor write to the Premier to indicate on behalf of Council that the individuals involved in the illegal occupation should not qualify for the tax credit, since the application of such a tax credit would financially benefit individuals who have participated in the illegal occupation.

Should you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jim Watson", with a horizontal line underneath.

Jim Watson
Mayor
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